

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

### Pussy Willows.

A group of shining brown buds, on a leafy tree,  
Sway, little brown buds, sway,  
Do not heed the north wind, nor the teasing breeze—  
They will pass with dying day.

A myriad of white heads peeping from the buds—  
Peep, little white heads, peep,  
A gentle rain is falling—open wide your hearts,  
And forth from your cradles creep.

The willow trees aglisten, with dancing pussies gay—  
Yes, little pussies—glisten,  
The world begins to sparkle with the glory of early Spring,  
To the music of her voice, dears—listen.

A million little pussies in coats of silver fur,  
Up in the branches swinging,  
The naughty sun is peeping—ah—now he's stolen a kiss—  
And the pussy willows all are singing.

—Agnes Lockhart Hughes, in April Recreation.

### Rumored Engagement.

"Town Topics," a weekly New York society journal, has published the following story of the engagement of Miss Alice Roosevelt, the daughter of the President, which says:

"Miss Alice Roosevelt has surrendered her heart and promised her hand, and now wears upon her left third finger the jeweled token of her marriage engagement. The successful wooer is the eloquent 'Boy Orator of the Wahash,' Senator Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, and the formal announcement of the betrothal will be made at Easter."

"The news has just come from Washington, whence I also learned that President Roosevelt is more than pleased, and has given the happy pair his paternal benediction. I have noticed for some months past a most agreeable change in the deportment of the fair Princess Alice. She has grown more womanly, more dignified and altogether more lovable. She has put away her frivolity while still retaining much of her charm of unconventionality, and the reason is now clear. She is in love."

"Senator Beveridge is a widower. His first wife was Miss Katharine Langsdale, of Greencastle, Ind., who died in 1900. The senator is self-made. He attended high school at Sullivan, Ill. Later, he read law in the office of Senator McDonald, and, after this, being admitted to the bar, became associated with the law firm of McDonald and Butler, with whom he remained until beginning practice for himself."

"As a Republican campaign speaker he has for years been prominent."

The Baltimore Herald adds:

"Miss Roosevelt was twenty-one years old February 11th last. She is the only child of the President and his first wife, who was Miss Alice Lee, of Boston. She is slender, a little taller than the maiden in height, has soft blue eyes, a fair complexion, and a wealth of light brown hair. "In manner Miss Roosevelt is frank and open, self-reliant and democratic. She was educated at home by a governess, who had also taught her music. She received a thorough musical training, although she had no taste for music. She speaks French and German thoroughly and has been known to carry on a conversation in Russian. In literature her taste is for poetry rather than prose. She seldom reads a novel."

"Her social debut was made at a cotillion given in the White House on her eighteenth birthday, February 11, 1902."

"Miss Roosevelt's engagement to various young statesmen and diplomats at Washington has been rumored many times, and it was even reported once that Emperor William of Germany had sought her hand for his eldest son, the Crown Prince, who is now safely betrothed to a German princess, Congresswoman Nicholas Longworth, a young millionaire of Cincinnati, is one of the most devoted of her admirers, and it is generally believed that she could have been Mrs. Longworth before this had she so desired. Bayard Cutting, of Boston, is another young Croesus in her train, and several of the more salubrious secretaries of Grayson county have openly paid court to her. Others whose names have been connected with hers are:

"Lieutenant John Greenway, of Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

"Viscount Charles de Chambren, of the French embassy.

"Crown Prince Gustaf Adolphus, of Sweden and Norway.

"Viscount de Albe, minister from Portugal.

"Count Conrad Hochberg, of Germany.

"Congressman Frederick H. Gillett, of Massachusetts.

"Lieutenant Robert Sterling Clark, United States navy.

"Dr. Theodore Lewald, German Imperial commissioner to the St. Louis Fair."

**Fields—Baker.**

Miss Elizabeth Baker and Dr. M. C. Fields, of Fredericksburg, Va., were married at 6 P. M., March 29th, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baker, of No. 27 Anderson street, Bristol, Va. The bride, who is an accomplished graduate of Martha Washington College, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fields, one of the leading physicians of Grayson county. Mr. and Mrs. Fields will have their home at Independence.

### Art Afternoon at Club.

Mrs. John C. Robertson, of Forest Hill, will be chairman of an afternoon devoted to the consideration of art at the Woman's Club. Mrs. Robertson has been so fortunate as to induce Miss Harriette Lee Tallaferro to give an informal lecture on "Student Life in Munich." Special guests of the afternoon will be Miss Adele Williams, Miss Florence McRae, Admiral Webster, Miss Bessie Selden and Mrs. M. C. Patterson.

### Stickley—Gregory.

The wedding of Miss Carrie B. Gregory, the daughter of Mr. John W. Gregory,

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## POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Elliot Norton.

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## LONG AGO.

By EUGENE FIELD.

Other selections from Field, together with his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch have already been printed in this series.

ONCE knew all the birds that came

And nestled in our orchard trees;

For every flower I had a name—

My friends were woodchucks, toads and bees;

I knew where thrived in yonder glen

What plants would soothe a stone-bruised toe—

Oh, I was very learned then—

But that was very long ago.

I knew the spot upon the hill

Where checkerberries could be found;

I knew the rushes near the mill,

Where pickerel lay that weighed a pound!

I knew the wood—the very tree—

Where lived the poaching, saucy crow,

And all the woods and crows knew me—

But that was very long ago.

And, pining for the joys of youth,

I tread the old familiar spot,

Only to learn the solemn truth—

I have forgotten, am forgot.

Yet here's this youngster at my knee

Knows all the things I used to know;

To think I once was wise as he—

But that was very long ago.

I know it's folly to complain

Of whatso'er the Fates decree;

Yet, never wish I all in vain,

I tell you what my wish should be;

I'd wish to be a boy again,

Back with the friends I used to know;

For I was, oh! so happy then—

But that was very long ago.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, October 11, 1903. One is published each day.

to Mr. Harry E. Stickley, son of Dr. S. M. Stickley, of Winchester, Va., took place March 29th in the home of the bride's parents, the Rev. J. W. Stickley, of the Lutheran Church, Chatham.

### Miss Jennings's Southern Trip.

Miss Aline Jennings has the prospect of a delightful Southern trip early in April. She will leave Richmond with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Morrison, for the Rev. J. W. Stickley, of the Lutheran Church, Chatham.

The party will make stops at Atlanta, Ga., Montgomery and Mobile, Alabama.

They will spend a week in New Orleans, where Miss Jennings's sister, Mrs. Lee Morrison, has her present home.

From New Orleans the route will be to San Antonio, Texas, and the City of Mexico.

The party will be absent for several weeks.

### An Old Document.

Mr. John D. Bleight, of Fredericksburg, has in his possession a deed dated June 24, 1787, from Lord Fairfax, conveying six hundred acres of land in Thoroughfare Gap, Prince William county, then a portion of Stafford county, to one of his ancestors. The land is still owned in Mr. Bleight's family, and the deed is in excellent preservation and highly valued.

### Joyce—Elliott.

Miss Edmondia Elliott, daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Elliott, of Danville, and Mr. Rufus Joyce, were married Wednesday night at the residence of and by the Rev. Percy G. Blum, pastor of the McGehee Memorial Baptist Church.

The young couple will make their future home in North Carolina, where Mr. Joyce is now engaged in business.

### Diplomats in a Play.

Jonkheer de Van Swinderen, the minister from the Netherlands; Herr Zichy, of the Austrian embassy; and a number of other diplomats, with society men and women of Washington, will take the characters in a theatrical performance to be given for charity at the New World, Washington, during Easter week. There will be two plays, the first, Hans Alton Alton's "A Lesson in Acting," and

the second, a French skit, entitled "L'argent—Strother."

Miss Alice E. Strother, daughter of the late James W. Strother, and Mr. Bruce Largent, son of Mr. Aaron Largent, both of Gainesboro, Frederick county, were married at the home of the bride by the Rev. Thomas Cooper, pastor of the Southern Methodist Church.

After the wedding supper an old-time "wedding party" was tendered the newly-married couple.

**Chinese Play in Norfolk.**

The Great Bridge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Norfolk, are rapidly consummating their arrangements for the production of the "Chinese" play to be given early in May.

All of the young society set of Norfolk will take part, and it promises to be a most successful affair.

**Personal Mention.**

Miss Bessie Byrd, of Bristol, is the guest of Miss Carrie Norrell at her home on the Petersburg electric line.

Mrs. John L. Eubank returned to Charlottesville yesterday afternoon after a visit to Mrs. R. P. Hunter at No. 215 East Franklin street.

Mrs. J. B. Taylor and daughter, Miss Mattie Taylor, of Suffolk, are in Richmond visiting friends.

Miss Little Watkins, of Newport News, arrived yesterday and will be with friends and relatives in the city for some time.

Mr. J. S. Blackwell, formerly traveling salesman for Reynolds's Sun-Chief Tobacco Company, of North Carolina, has accepted a position as manager of the

clear and tobacco department of E. A. Saunders's Sons & Co., and has come to Richmond with his wife and children to assume his new duties.

Mrs. Shirley Carter, who has been visiting relatives in Richmond, has returned to her home in Norfolk.

Mr. Elmer Dodd is visiting friends in Annapolis.

Mrs. Luther Brown has returned to her home on Park street, Danville after a very pleasant visit to friends in Richmond.

Miss Lucy Wallace is the guest of Mrs. T. E. Gill, in Bowling Green.

Mr. Roger Rains, who is attending Richmond College, is visiting his parents, Major and Mrs. W. W. Rains, in Bowling Green.

The marriage of Miss Mary Newman, of Knoxville, Tenn., to Mr. R. W. Pentross, of Norfolk, Va., has been announced to take place at the home of the bride-to-be on April 12th.

A wedding to occur shortly which is of interest to Richmond people is that of Miss Eleanor Lusk, daughter of Colonel Lusk, U. S. A., to Lieutenant J. B. Dillard, U. S. A. The marriage will take place on Wednesday, April 26th, at Rock Island, Ill., where Colonel Lusk is now stationed. Lieutenant Dillard is the son of Professor James H. Dillard, who at one time was principal of the Norfolk Academy, at Norfolk, Va., and Miss Lusk has many friends in Richmond who will be interested in this announcement.

Miss Edith Ramsey, of Alexandria, Va., is visiting Miss Anna Deane Carr.

Congressman H. D. Flood is spending some time in the city.

Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Hodgdon, of Maryland, and Mrs. Dana Hodgdon, of Va., are the guests of Mrs. John Bolling Bland at No. 16 West Grace street.

Mrs. William Reeling and daughter, Roschen, have returned from Saratoga Lake and Liberty, N. Y., where they have spent the winter for the benefit of her daughter's health. While there she took the outdoor cure for June trouble, and has been greatly benefited.

## BRIDEGROOM, FALLING, KILLED HIS ASSAILANT

Pistol Duel Growing Out of Wedding Results in Death of Two Men.

(By Associated Press.)

MALDEN, N. Y., March 31.—Summer Hazen, a bridegroom of the week, and John Hall, his wife's brother, are dead as the result of an exchange of pistol shots at Hall's home last night.

When Hall learned that Hazen and his sister were to be married, he warned Hazen that he would resort to violence if necessary to prevent the ceremony.

Nothing came of the threat and the newly-married couple, believing that the trouble had blown over, started last evening for a visit to the bride's brother's home. They had nearly crossed the threshold before Hall drew a revolver and sent a bullet into his brother-in-law's body.

As Hazen fell, he whipped a revolver from his own pocket and returned the shot. Both men received fatal wounds and died within a few hours.

**PROFESSOR WILTED**

Girl "Highwayman" Rifled His Pockets—Sent Booty Back.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, Ill., March 31.—Professor Robert J. Roloff, of the Northwestern University, looked into the barrels of two revolvers held by a "highwayman" at Springfield Boulevard and Benson Avenue Tuesday night. His frightened eyes gathered at a glance that the robbers were nearly gone; that their toques were canted at a rakish angle over their eyes; that one wore a skin box, and that they both wore kid gloves.

The professor's hands went up in the air. The dainty bandits took his watch and his pocketbook, containing \$83. Then they ran away, their heels rattling like castanets over the Evanston sidewalk.

When Professor Roloff entered the classroom next morning he was astonished to see his watch and purse, from which a cent was missing, on his desk. He is still trying to solve the mystery of the hold-up.

**No Steamship War.**

(By Associated Press.)

LIVERPOOL, March 31.—The rumor of the probability of a renewal of the rate war between the Atlantic Steamship Companies is officially denied.

**FIREMEN ANGRY.**

Threaten Crew of Car That Collided With Engine.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, March 31.—Five firemen were injured and two fire engines disabled while responding to an alarm for a small fire in Market Street this morning.

A collision with a crowded electric car at Jackson Boulevard and Clark Street, the breakdown of another engine and an explosion in the building accounted for the men's injuries, which consisted of broken legs, bruises and cuts.

All the windows of the building were shattered by the collision and a score of passengers became jammed in the doors in the rush for safety.

The wrath of the firemen was aroused by the collision, and after assisting the injured men and a driver, they ran to injured men and threatened the crew. The latter retreated and, while other street railway men stood guard, the car was hurried away.

**WAS SON MURDERED?**

Burial of Boy With Handcuffs on Arouses Suspicion of Father.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 31.—Jacob Zucker, of this city, has asked the United States authorities to investigate the death of his son, Morris F. Zucker, who was found in the harbor of Savannah, Ga., several days ago.

Mr. Zucker says he believes his son was murdered. The young man, he says, was a stowaway on the steamer City of Lexington, from Baltimore to Savannah, and was in the ship's brig and handcuffed when he entered Savannah, November 21st.

He avers that the body was found in the harbor a few days ago and buried in a pauper's grave with the handcuffs still on his wrists.

Zucker went to Savannah and brought the body home to this city, but says he could not induce the authorities at Savannah to investigate the case.

**Fire in Texas.**

(By Associated Press.)

TEXARKANA, TEX., March 31.—Fire today destroyed several business houses here, causing a loss of \$52,000, partially covered by insurance.

As the fire occurred on the Texas side of town, there were no buildings burned

## FIRE TWICE AT SLEEPING WOMAN

Mysterious Attempt to Kill Mrs. Neva E. Williams in Raleigh Yesterday.

Unable to Renew Bond and Must Serve on County Roads.

Convict Escapes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALIGH, N. C., March 31.—Two shots were fired through a window into the bedroom of Mrs. Neva E. Williams, No. 718 Fayetteville street, about 2 o'clock this morning. One ball passed within a few inches of the woman's head. Mrs. Williams snatched a revolver from under her pillow and returned the fire, while her ten-year-old son ran out at the back door to notify the night watchman of a near-by mill. When officers arrived there was no trace of the person who fired the shots.

**Blackley Must Serve Term.**

The grand jury of the Wake county Superior Court has returned a true bill against E. C. Blackley, as agent in charge of the Ware and Leland bucket shop office here. The case is to be submitted to the jury within the next day or two for ruling, so that it may go directly to the Supreme Court, where the constitutionality of the anti-bucket shop act passed by the recent Legislature is to be passed upon. It is claimed that the law discriminates in that it exempts manufacturers and wholesale merchants in the prohibition of dealing in futures in the State.

James C. Blackley, whose sentence to the Wake county road for two years has recently been confirmed by the Supreme Court, came here to-day and surrendered to the sheriff. He was unable to renew his bond, which has been increased from \$400 to \$500. His friends say there is no chance for him to do but serve the sentence, trusting for a pardon later. He was convicted of embezzling \$3,000 from St. Louis horse dealers while selling them here in carload lots. He is a Louisville man, of excellent family.

**Farmers' Convention.**

President E. L. Darbridge and other members of the North Carolina State Farmers' Convention held during August at the Agricultural and Mechanical College here, have decided to prepare for the accommodation of fifteen hundred farmers and farmers' wives, the committee having determined to have special features that will attract wives and daughters of farmers, as well as the farmers themselves. The vice-presidents of the convention, one for each county, have just been named.

E. J. Begley, of New York, some days ago wrote the Commissioner of Labor and Statistics, H. P. Varner, regarding the bringing of immigrants into the State, as some members of the committee have been reading the State papers, and now he writes that he has for several days been receiving letters from numerous land improvement companies, private owners of mills and other enterprises, who are anxious to send immigrants to their particular localities. It turns out that Begley merely sought information for the purpose of writing a magazine article.

Interest in the local campaign for the election of Mayor police judge and aldermen has lagged so decidedly that an effort is being made to have the executive committee move up the time for holding the Democratic primary from April 20th to the 11th. This will probably be done.

**Convict Escapes.**

Arrangements are being made for moving the State of State Insurance Commissioner from the third floor of the Capitol building to the Agricultural building, in which the auditorium apartment is to be converted into offices and a room for the State Insurance department until some future legislation provides additional buildings for the State departments.

H. Hauser, a Swiss watchmaker, who was serving ten years for burning his store in Wilmington, has escaped from the penitentiary. He was working as night fireman, and disappeared about 4 o'clock in the morning. He was about sixty-five years old, and weighs about two hundred pounds.

Judge Purnell has appointed Charles Harding receiver for the bankrupt estate of Smith Paul at Washington, N. C.

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Hose, 16 2-3c

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**China Silk Neckwear, 10c**

These are Four-in-Hands, 47 inches long; made to sell for double.

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